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PLANT-QUARANTINE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

REPUBLIC OF MEXICO

EXTERIOR QUARANTINES No. 2 (COFFEE) AND No. 7 (BANANA) REVISED

Exterior Quarantines No. 2 and No. 7, as revised by orders of the Secretary of Agriculture and Development, dated March 19, 1941, were amended January 11, 1943, and April 12, 1943, respectively, by Secretarial order to read, in effect, as follows:

EXTERIOR QUARANTINE No. 2.--COFFEE PLANTS, etc., on account of the coffee berry borer, Stephanoderes coffeae Hag. (S. hampei Fen.).

Article 1. An absolute (prohibitory) quarantine is hereby established on coffee plants and parts thereof, including beans, originating in foreign countries.

Article 2. Accordingly, the entry of aforesaid products for consumption purposes is prohibited. Shipments in transit from producing countries to consumption centers will be permitted subject to prior approval by the Director General of Agriculture and to the following conditions:

(a) Coffee shipments shall be enclosed in new bags and must be shipped in closed freight cars under seal.

(b) The opening of loaded cars in transit is prohibited. Should car seals be broken in violation of this order, the shipment will be seized and destroyed by the Director General without right of indemnity by the interested parties.

(c) The interested parties will be required to deposit a bond of 10 centavos with the General Treasury (Tesoreria General) for every kilogram of coffee imported under these regulations; said bond to be canceled upon ultimate delivery of the coffee consignment at the port of exit.

Article 3. Entry of aforesaid products shall be permitted for the purpose of scientific investigations.

EXTERIOR QUARANTINE No. 7.--BANANA PLANTS, etc., on account of the Panama disease, Fusarium cubense E. F. Sm. and Cercospora musae.

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Article 1. An absolute (prohibitory) quarantine is hereby established on all species of banana plants or parts thereof, including fruits, arriving from foreign countries.

Article 2. Accordingly, the entry of aforesaid products for either consumption or transitory purposes is prohibited: Provided, That bananas proceeding from Guatemala may enter the country for transit to the United States subject to prescribed conditions, as follows:

(a) Interested parties must obtain a permit from the Director General of Agriculture to transport Guatemalan bananas through the national territory.

(b) The bananas shall be transported only in refrigerator cars. For every 10 such cars in transit a guard will be assigned to take temperatures, and to open and close doors and ventilators in order to ascertain ice requirements.

(c) A deposit of a bond with the National Treasury in the amount of 1,000 pesos will be required for every loaded railroad car to guarantee exportation of the products; said bond to be canceled upon such exportation.

(d) If the fruit matures or decays before its final exportation for reasons beyond control, such as car derailments, floods, or other mishaps of a similar nature, the Director General of Agriculture will order its destruction by incineration, the costs for the disposition to be borne by the parties concerned.

(e) The penalty for violation of aforesaid requirements shall be confiscation for immediate disposal by the Director General of Agriculture without right of indemnity or right of judgment to the Secretario de Hacienda y Credito-Publico, and without right to recover the corresponding bond.

Article 3. Entry of aforesaid products shall be permitted for the purpose of scientific investigations.

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